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Gentlemen:

I oppose the Microsoft settlement agreement. This is a large, subtle, multi-faceted issue about which one could write volumes. I will state my objections as succinctly as possible.

The agreement provides no penalty for the misbehavior that the courts have found.

The agreement provides for only weak oversight for enforcement of the agreement.

The agreement contains enormous loopholes which would enable Microsoft to work around the spirit of the agreement and therefore to bypass the weak remedies provided.

The agreement offers inadequate safeguards against Microsoft's monopoly power.

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